

Harpswell Conservation Commission
Minutes for Meeting, Dec. 15, 2009
Municipal Office Bldg., Harpswell, ME

Members present: Mary Ann Nahf (chair), Deirdre Strachan, Burr Taylor, Ann Nemrow, Donald Jones, Anne Perry. Absent T. Barrett. Also present: C. Tukey, Town Planner

Meeting called to order by M. Nahf at 3:05PM

Minutes of Dec. 1, 2009 approved. Moved by D. Strachan, seconded by A. Perry. Unanimous.

Old Business:

Cliff Trail Conservation Area: Discussed the issues and questions that arose at the Dec. 10 public hearing with the Selectmen. The HCC warrant article for the Town property at the Cliff Trail area only mentioned the two large lots A & B on the map. It was decided to add C, D, and E to the article so that all five lots would be included in the survey when grant money is received. This would include all natural resource aspects of the land -wetlands, soils, plants and wildlife. D. Strachan to draft in intent of the survey for the next presentation which will probably take place in Feb. 2010. A question was posed at the meeting re towns in Maine with easements. Presently Falmouth is known to have one but we will try to find other examples. Also need estimate of cost of an easement.

Town Conservation Fund: Need to get exact details and amount in existing fund from M. Kelly. It is believed to be for land acquisition only. Also would like to find out if the fines imposed by the Codes Officer are placed in the general fund. B. Taylor mentioned that we could put this on the 2011 warrant since it is too late for 2010. It may require an ordinance change and be advantageous to partner with CPIC, Recreation and/or Planning. D. Jones also thought the Concom should have a dedicated budget for educational materials etc. C. Tukey stated that the Concom should go before the selectmen to state their case on these issues.

Save Our Bay: Contractor participation was discussed. A. Nemrow edited the questionnaire after getting feedback from two landscape designers and will send it to members later. Need a brief cover letter for landscapers highlighting the key points. In order to get them to buy into the program we should state that they will be included on the approved list on the Town website. M. Nahf to finish work on letter.

Town Web Page: All PDF's will go from M. Nahf to T. Sawyer at Town Hall.

Senter Grant: Was not given to Harpswell. D. Strachan to start looking for available grants for 2010. Educational purposes to be a key element.

New Business:

Next Meetings: January 5 and 19, 2010.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:51pm
D. Jones, sec'y.